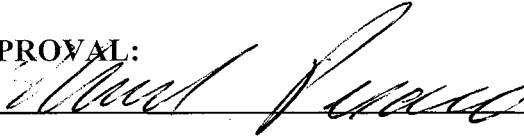


REPORT

DATE: November 3, 2005
TO: Administration and Regional Council Members
FROM: Nancy Pfeffer, Sr. Regional Planner, 213-236-1869, pfeffer@scag.ca.gov
SUBJECT: Approval of Letter of Support for Environmental Justice Grant Application
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve Letter of Support for Caltrans Environmental Justice Grant Application

BACKGROUND:

The Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan is a partnership between SCAG, the five County Transportation Commissions in the SCAG region (Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura) and the four Caltrans districts (7, 8, 11, and 12) whose goal is to develop a consensus strategy and implementation plan for the Southern California goods movement system.

In conjunction with this effort, the project partners intend to apply for and pursue Caltrans' environmental justice grant funding in order to ensure that the development of a regional consensus on goods movement takes into account the concerns of locally impacted communities, as goods movement impacts can be particularly acute in some minority and low-income areas.

Furthermore, the public participation envisioned for the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan would be greatly strengthened as a result of additional resources that will allow the transportation agencies to engage in dialogue with specific affected communities.

Approval of a letter of support for this environmental justice grant application will enable SCAG to express its support for the grant application.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Approval of this request would result in no fiscal impact.

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